

business for their own personal enrichment so long will we be afflicted with the effects before mentioned. Arouse your fellow worker to a realization of how the present system is robbing him.—F. B.

MAKE OWN AMMUNITION.—Mr. Gardner, in his recent speech, said that if war were to break out today it would be found that our coast defenses have not sufficient ammunition for an hour's fight!

The United States today is depending too much upon private firms for a sufficient supply of ammunition. Uncle Sam's agents are being outrageously overcharged by private firms. For instance, the war department in 1913 purchased 7,000 4.7-inch shrapnels from the ammunition ring, paying \$29.26 each. At the same time precisely the same shrapnels were being manufactured in the government-owned arsenals at Frankford at \$15.45 each, including all overhead charges.

If Uncle Sam would realize how much cheaper it would be to manufacture his own supplies our government would be saving countless millions yearly.—Bennie Kaplovitz, 2149 Evergreen av.

PENNY WISE, POUND FOOLISH.—Much has been written and a great deal of action taken against the recent advance in the price of milk. I do not wish to detract one bit of praise from those who have made "Down with 9-cent milk" their slogan, yet why all this publicity about one item on the bill of fare?

We are not all babies; we need meat, potatoes, beans, sugar, eggs, butter, etc., to perform our daily toil.

The cow hasn't only jumped over the moon, but over the entire solar system. It's an event to have meat on the table nowadays. If a wife buys meat three days in succession the butcher inquires if her husband has received a raise in salary. The price of foodstuffs has soared to such an

alarming extent that the ladies will soon be wearing navy beans for necklaces and prunes to adorn their ears.

Why cannot a little effort be extended in reducing the cost of the necessities of life? One of our Forum writers advocated a Socialistic market place, but not a soul responded to his call. What solution have you to offer, Mr. Reader? I think it is about time we stopped crying for the penny and went after the nickel, don't you?—Edw. Freeman.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY.—The development of the diplomatic situation brings out the fact that there is entirely too much secrecy and back-door pussyfoot work for a democratic republic. We are told to shut our eyes and blindly trust this, that or the other official who knows certain things that we wot not of.

We are informed that the cryptic words of the president were based upon things he knew at that time. Well, our public servants should tell us what they know and avoid the misunderstandings that must arise from cryptic speeches. We pay the freight, and in case of conflict we bear the brunt, and we should demand of each and every public official that he publish such facts as are likely to entangle us.

This "I know things that you do not" stuff belongs to the past, and should not be practiced upon people who later will be asked to shoulder a gun on account of some cryptogram.—Chas. H. Hair, M. D.

CABARETS BEING HIT

City Hall, goaded on by the reformers, got busy on cabarets today. Following the issuing of summonses for seven cabarets, Chief-Healey is reported to have sent out orders to all commanding officers to keep the saloons in their respective precincts quiet. In some instances saloons were forced to shut down their cabarets